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PRUNE JUICE THE CURE.

Remarkable Hiccough Remedy Discovered.

Washington Post.
 Lebanon, Pa., March 6.—Orth Light, of this city, is slowly recovering from an attack of hiccoughs, which came very near killing him. Of all the hundreds of remedies suggested from all parts of the State, the one efficacious was cold prune juice.

When the patient's vitality was all but spent by the hiccoughs, which had continued incessantly for five days and nights, and his death was momentarily expected by his family, the attending physician detected the first faint signs of the ailment responding to treatment. After returning at intervals for several days, the hiccoughs finally ceased.

For a time following the passing of the attack it was feared the patient would die of exhaustion; but he rallied and now expects to enjoy walks in the open air in a very short time.

UNCONSCIOUS ALL THE WHILE.

The attack of hiccoughs followed seizures of nausea, which were preceded by a slight attack of pneumonia.

Light was unconscious when the hiccoughing began, and he continued in that condition for some time after the attack had ceased. When he recovered consciousness he had no knowledge of having had the hiccoughs.

The case attracted an unusual amount of interest, which was not confined to this city, but spread throughout Pennsylvania and adjoining States. Thousands of people manifested an interest in it by sending remedies for the relief of the sufferer.

Hundreds of sympathizing people called at the Light home and volunteered their assistance in suggesting remedies, and every mail brought many letters to the same effect.

The suggested remedies ranged all the way from antidotes found in the household doctor's book to powwow and Christian Science.

Some were of a superstitious character, and asked the patient to tie a red string around his waist; another suggested that he rub his abdomen with a rabbit's foot.

Another suggested the wearing of his nightshirt wrong side out, and still others were almost barbaric in their strange requests. All had one thing in common, however, and that was an evident desire to help the suffering young man.

SUGGESTIONS BY MAIL.

Here are some of the truly wonderful remedies that came by mail:

Man from Western Pennsylvania—Hold your ears and nose shut, and then swallow the end of a long tube, to which air is to be pumped from a bicycle pump.

York Barber—Hold the little flaps shut in your ears that you cannot hear anything, then take a few swallows of water.

Benevolent Young Woman of Philadelphia—If you will drink half a glass of vinegar (a wine glass) you will find immediate relief.

Kind-hearted Woman of Pomeroy, Pa.—Lie down on your back as far as possible, open your mouth widely, then hold two fingers above your head, well back, so that you have to strain your eyes to see them; gaze intently at them, and take long full breaths. In a short time you will be entirely relieved of the troublesome hiccoughs.

Unsigned Postal Card from Jamestown—Ice cream, without sugar, is said to have cured hiccoughs. Try it.

Kensington Resident—Can cure your hiccoughs; will cost you nothing; but must see you personally. Notify me at once if I can be of any service to you.

Philadelphia Man—I have heard that Dawson plums will cure hiccoughs. I always find the pulse on the left wrist and press for five minutes as hard as possible. This will stop them.

Philadelphia Woman—A dish of cold ice cream.

But, as already stated, of all the remedies suggested but one was used, and that only after the sufferer had already been relieved by the attending physician, who then recommended it. On the eve of her marriage Miss Rena Miller daughter of A. H. Miller, of this city visited the Light home with a quantity of cold prune juice, which she had learned would stop hiccoughs.

PRUNE JUICE EFFICACIOUS.

With the permission and at the suggestion of the doctor, the patient was given some of the prune juice on the occasion of a return of the hiccoughs and they ceased almost immediately. Thereafter the prune juice was used in addition to the medicine, and is credited with having stopped all the subsequent attacks of hiccoughs.

While he feels deeply grateful for the great interest shown in him by the people, Mr. Light says he cannot find words to express his thanks to the attending physician, to whom he gives all the credit for having saved his life.

Mr. Light is 32 years old, and is the present district deputy grand chief of the Knights of the Golden Eagles.

EAST GASTON GOSSIP.

Farmers Making Headway—School to Close—Some Points on Good Roads—River Bend Cotton Growers Association Meets.

Continued from the Gazette.

East Gaston, March 20th.—Since the pretty weather set in our farmers have made great headway with their work.

Prof. Rutledge's school in East Gaston is nearing its end. He has made a faithful teacher and has done well this winter. No objection of any kind have we heard against him or his teaching.

While the people are necessarily wakened up with their work, some are trying to wake them up on the subject of bonds for good roads. In the summer and spring our people forget that roads get bad in winter, hence the wrong time for a road campaign. But possibly this was the best the promoters could do. If so all well and good.

Uncle Shooq and his pretty daughter have returned home after a visit up the country.

Some people have already been going to the polling places to vote on the bond question. Quite early, but it is the early bird that catches the worm.

Do you favor good roads and high taxes all the time, or do you favor bad roads a part of the time and low taxes all the time? Settle this question right with yourselves. Bonds, like mortgages, are easy to make and hard to pay. But some times it pays to have them anyway.

Get a man in debt to make him hustle. Bond yourselves now and you will have good roads to hustle over. Home sweet home should be taken care of, and then educate your children and send them to church over a nice smooth road built for them.

Some fertilizer has been hauled up the roads, but little cotton is leaving the farms. The farmers are right in holding on to that which they have.

Old Uncle Albert Nance died Saturday night at his home on Catawba River three miles above Lucia. We were not able to get the particulars.

Everybody in this section regretted the death of Mac Kale. He was liked by all who knew him. He told a friend about two weeks ago that he was prepared to go, and he thought his time had come a few days before that. How good it is to be ready!

Miss Emma Farrow of East Gaston is visiting her sister, Mrs. Hoover, in Mount Holly.

Mr. Math Goodson and family have moved from Lowesville to Open View farms.

Mr. Conard Pryor of Lowesville a few days ago overtook William Larman in the road and forced a gun from him that he had bought, but was claimed not paid for. He was tried for the offence by Esquire Abernethy and was taxed with the cost in the case which amounted to two dollars and twenty cents.

The Cotton Growers Association for River Bend township was held at Mount Holly last Saturday evening at 3 o'clock.

Much enthusiasm was manifested in the meeting. It was moved and carried that a county meeting of the cotton growers be called to meet in Dallas on Saturday, April 1st, at 10:30 a. m., and that Col. John S. Cunningham, President of the State Association and Capt. S. B. Alexander of Mecklenburg, be invited to address the Association. A letter received from Col. Cunningham last Saturday stated his desire to meet the good people of Gaston.

This inasmuch as he failed to meet with them on the 28th of last month. It was also moved and carried that a mass meeting be called to meet in Dallas on Saturday April 1st at 1:30 for the purpose of discussing the issuing of \$300,000 of bonds for the improvement of public roads and that at said meeting arrangements be made for the canvass. It was also moved

and carried that Capt. Alexander address this meeting and that the chairman of the county Cotton Growers Association invite those gentlemen at once. Hence it is that a meeting of the cotton growers and the good roads advocates on the same day insures a great crowd for Dallas.

Capt. Eddleman and his force have accomplished much in the way of road building for the last few weeks and right here we want to take the liberty to say that while East Gaston is getting every thing her citizens could reasonably expect in the way of roads. Yet we want to call the attention of the public to the necessity of a belt line of roads and for that reason we favor connecting the link between Mount Holly and St. Mary's college and from there to McAdenville before they leave this end of the county. This is business and should not be overlooked and the people of that section should lose no time in taking this matter up.

Some men think because others do not agree with them that they should receive no recognition. Every man is entitled to his opinion on public questions and no man should stoop so low as to deprive him of such.

Russia and the Slows of War.

Washington Post.

It is becoming apparent that Russia, in spite of her overwhelming numbers of men, must soon make overtures for peace with Japan. Russia's war expenses last year, according to an official statement issued in December, were \$384,000,000. She borrowed \$81,000,000 from French financiers in January, with difficulty and on costly and humiliating terms. Now she is asking for \$120,000,000 more. Evidently the expenditures are vastly greater than during last year. The financiers hesitate. If they lend the money, it will be with the understanding that nearly 5 per cent. shall remain in their coffers as a commission, and that Russia shall admit French wines practically free of duty. Other conditions are imposed which indicate clearly that keen business sense is mixed with the friendliness of France.

Apparently the war is costing Russia \$40,000,000 a month. This stupendous expenditure, which thus far has resulted merely in delaying the evacuation of Manchuria, cannot be maintained in the face of falling credit and internal disorder. Neither the friendliness of France nor the resources of Russia can be stretched much longer. In the contest for the slaves of war, Japan has proved herself to be as superior to the foe as upon the battlefield. Her expenses were estimated late last year to be one-fourth those of Russia. Her victories have added to her credit. With control of Manchuria assured, it is inevitable that Japan should exact a heavy indemnity in money as a portion of the fruits of victory. The financiers of France foresee that Russia must not only pay for her own army, but eventually pay the expenses of the army that has beaten her.

If the contest were based solely on the resources of the two nations in soldiers—raw food for powder—it might last indefinitely, with Japan constantly the winner. The great body of Russia, probably, does not feel the drain. But money, and not men, is the dire need of Russia. With her credit waning with her prestige, it is only a matter of time until financial paralysis will halt her armies.

Raising a Girl the Wrong Way.

Atchison Globe.

An Atchison girl of fifteen gets up in the morning, eats breakfast which her mother has prepared, goes upstairs and takes care of her room, and then goes downstairs, sometimes taking two hours to buy a spool of thread. She eats dinner which her mother has prepared, wears clothes her mother has made, spends the afternoon reading story books or gadding with her friends, eats supper her mother has prepared, and spends the evening with her girl friends. She has done nothing wicked all day, and her mother is satisfied that she is bringing her up right. But is she?

Anson county lays claim to having a citizen who has the largest foot of any person in North Carolina. A shoemaker of that town has just completed a pair of shoes, number sixteen, for a colored youth who is seventeen years old, six feet, eight and three quarter inches high, and weighs 212 pounds. His name is John Huntley, and he lives with Albert Smith of Gullidge's township.

PREPAREDNESS!

For meeting any demand for anything in our line we are in a state of preparedness hitherto unapproached in our business history. This is said in an spirit of boasting. It is a simple fact, and it is a duty we owe our customers as well as ourselves to tell them about it thus early in the season. Take dress goods, or white and colored wash goods, or silks, or linens, or lawns—we have more of them, more varieties, more styles, a larger selection than ever before, and are better prepared to meet any and every demand of our customers for goods in these lines.

We are better prepared too in the matter of trimmings, buttons, laces, ribbons, and embroideries. Our stock embraces a bewildering profusion of varieties and styles—it is indeed so complete, so up-to-date that it is hard to conceive how any demand of style, fancy, or taste could fail of finding satisfaction in our stock.

What is true of the lines we name is true of every line in our all-inclusive stock of ladies' furnishings—absolutely and thoroughly true. We invite you to come and see our goods, our varieties, our styles, our qualities, our prices. We believe you will find it a pleasant and satisfactory visit.

Jas. F. Yeager
 Ladies' Furnishings.

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Jas. F. Love, President.
 Edgar Love, Vice-Pres. Robt. A. Love, Treas.

We wish herewith to announce the incorporation and the organization of the above concern and to state that it is our purpose to begin business on April 1st. We feel a deep appreciation for the hearty support accorded us in times past in the various organizations we have launched in this county and for the frequent manifestations of so unwavering a confidence in our integrity, and we solicit hereby your further support in the lines of our new endeavor. The business we contemplate will lead us in the following lines:

Real Estate—We shall engage actively in the buying and selling of real estate and the improvement of same on our own account and on commission for others; the renting and letting of property of all kinds and the collection of rents thereon.

Insurance—The writing of Fire, Fidelity, Accident and Health Insurance in reliable companies.

Trusts—The settlement of Estates as Executors or Administrators; the acting as Arbitrators, Referees, Assignees, Guardians, Trustees, Survives, or Agents.

Cotton—The warehousing, storing and insuring of Cotton and the issuance of negotiable receipts for same; the holding of cotton as consignees and the handling of same on commission or brokerage.

Savings Deposits—The acceptance of deposits and the issuance of certificates of deposit bearing interest and payable on demand or for a fixed period.

Loans—The making of loans on commercial paper, and the advancing of money on warehouse receipts, mortgages, or personal securities at the legal rate of interest.

Business entrusted to us, however large or however small, will have our personal attention, and we shall serve you to the best of our ability as business men and gentlemen and give you the advantage of whatever of experience or judgment we may possess.

We cordially invite you to confer with us.

The Love Trust Co.
 Gastonia, N. C.

Mixed Peoples.

Winston (N. C.) Outlook.

On Wednesday of this week Martin Peoples, of this city, was married to Mrs. Anna Hine, of Old Town. It requires some expert figuring to keep track of "Mart" Peoples, as a rule, and in this instance it looks like he had thrown us. On the 24 of last November the reservoir was blown up or exploded, and his wife was killed. Peoples himself had to be carried to the hospital for several weeks of repair. Getting on foot again, he purchased a fine team of bays, had their tails wrapped in ribbon, and kept the ice and snow moving between Winston and Old Town. And now we find things as above stated. Now, Mart Peoples is not a bad man, but he is the worst mixed up man we ever saw. His bride was his last wife's stepmother, and hence he becomes his own daddy. He not only becomes his own daddy, but he is now his stepson's grand-father and his mother-in-law's husband.

and the father of his late wife. His wife is, nearly as bad a fix, as she is her husband's mother and her grandchildren's mother also. But Mart Peoples can work it all out, and will no doubt give a correct answer in the wind-up. He is evidently a man of destiny.

Fertilizer Sales.

Hon. S. L. Patterson, commissioner of agriculture, says that sales of fertilizers this year as shown by the fertilizer tax receipts in the agricultural department, are running about the same as in 1903, but are falling considerably behind the sales for 1904, which were the largest in the history of the State.

It is going the rounds in Republican circles that Ex-Congressman Thomas Satis will be a candidate for the office of District Attorney for the Western North Carolina district to succeed Mr. A. E. Holton of Winston-Salem.

The Careless Apple.

New York Times.

The producer of the careless apple, which was described by Mr. Sampson Morgan in the Nineteenth Century and After for December, is John H. Spencer, a Colorado fruit raiser. Two dozen specimens of this new triumph of horticulture were lately sent by Mr. Spencer for exhibition to this city.

The careless apple, which is also seedless, is the result of twelve years' experimentation. As it is borne on a blossomless tree, the grower has little fear of the late Spring frosts that kill

fruit in bloom, and on the rudimentary stems that evolve the apples there is no harborage for the eggs and grub of the codling moth. The new apple is grubless as well as seedless. It possesses one-fourth more solid flesh than the seedy apple of like proportions, and resembles the seedless orange in having a slightly hardened substance at the navel end which is being obliterated by culture.

Such standard varieties of commerce as were recently exhibited, for example, in the Berkeley Lyceum by the apple growers of New York State, including the familiar Spitzenburgs, Baldwins, russets, and Rhode Island greenings, whose qualities and flavor are justly esteemed, will not yield easily to their formidable careless competitor. Mr. Sampson Morgan says that in the United States there are at present 200,000,000 apple trees in bearing, from which 250,000,000 bushels of fruit are harvested each year, and in ten years these trees will show an annual output of 400,000,000 bushels. Great Britain consumes 5,000,000 hundred-weight of imported apples yearly, besides the product of its 20,000,000 trees. The careless fruit must approve itself of fine consistency, good salable size and color, and safe keeping qualities before it can revolutionize the large commercial apple-growing industries. But Mr. Spencer has now a stock of 2,000 trees representing twenty different varieties available for propagation, and by 1908 there will be 2,500,000 trees upon the market. Trees which have produced crops for eight years successively have all yielded seedless fruits each season, and at least one Winter variety is reported to be of singular delicacy in flavor and aromatic. It is not improbable that we shall soon be supplied at moderate cost with a quantity of these strange fruits solidly fleshed and juicy.

HEALTH is the Most Important

The manufacturers of Royal Baking Powder have had 40 years of scientific experience.

Every method of bread-and- cake raising has been exhaustively studied in this country and abroad.

The result is a perfect product in Royal Baking Powder. There is no substitute for it. The purity and efficiency of Royal Baking Powder have been commended by the highest authorities of the world.

These facts mean two important things to all housekeepers:

First: that Royal Baking Powder is healthful and makes wholesome food.
 Second: that Royal Baking Powder makes food good to eat.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER
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The Southern Railway Friday morning began tearing down its passenger station at Charlotte preparatory to the erection of a modern passenger station that will cost seventy-five thousand dollars.